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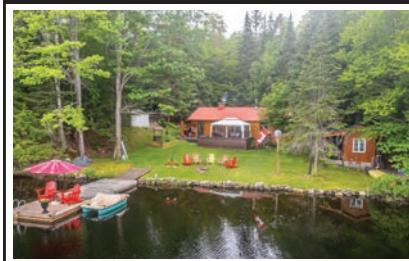
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Ferguson guilty of second degree murder for stabbing

By Lisa Gervais

Haro Dahlke says the last time he saw his son, Dylan, was on Father's Day 2019. On June 16 of that year, the two visited and played chess, as they often did. Haro recalled that Dylan beat him for the first time ever that day.

Now, Haro has only the memory of a son, frozen in time at the age of 29, after being stabbed to death by Robert Anthony Ferguson, 62, of Highlands East in the wee hours of July 6, 2019.

It has taken four years for Dylan's family to see justice for Ferguson, who grabbed a knife, went downstairs in his home, and stabbed a sleeping Dahlke in the back, ending the man's life.

A Lindsay jury returned a verdict of guilty of second degree murder June 27.

They heard that Ferguson and Dahlke had been drinking together and smoking marijuana but had words over cigarettes.

In his closing remarks to the jury, Ontario Crown prosecutor, Kent Saliwonchyk, said Dahlke went down to the basement to sleep and never came up again.

Justice Clyde Smith, on June 26 in Lindsay, said Ferguson's concession last week that he stabbed Dahlke and the act killed the man had simplified the jury's task. They knew Ferguson had unlawfully caused Dahlke's death. They were tasked with determining Ferguson's state of mind when he committed the act.

In his charge to the 12-person jury, Justice Smith said they, "must determine whether or not Mr. Ferguson had the state of mind required for murder."

Saliwonchyk argued Ferguson "did, in fact, commit murder."

Holding up the murder weapon, he said, "Mr. Ferguson made the decision to take this knife, drove it this deep into Mr. Dahlke's body (indicating a mark on the knife), in this location..."

Dr. Michael Pickup had testified that Dahlke died from a single stab wound to the back, just below the shoulder.

Saliwonchyk said Ferguson had worked in a slaughterhouse and was a hunter and knew how to target vital organs to kill.

He added Ferguson chose a big knife, because he wanted to kill Dahlke, using the "closest, quickest, easiest to use, 100 per cent effective" weapon.

He said Ferguson had to navigate a landing, basement steps, and step around items in the room, to where a naked Dahlke was sleeping in bed and "vulnerable."

He added Ferguson chose to target the area of the heart and

lungs, stuck the knife in, and pushed it hard, before turning and walking away. "Mr. Ferguson knew that Dahlke was not getting up." He said the man then washed his hands, ensured the doors were open and went to bed.

He said police evidence, also solicited from Ferguson the words, "I definitely f***ed it up, that's for sure."

He added there was evidence Ferguson was not showing signs of impairment after police were called to the crime scene and when he was taken to the police station.

"It's clear that Dylan Dahlke did not deserve to die and Ferguson didn't need to kill him."

Ferguson, a large man dressed in a pale grey suit, sat next to the defense table. Bespectacled, balding and with a salt and pepper beard, he listened to testimony.

Sentencing date to be set

In her closing, Maija Martin, of Martin Criminal Defence, said while it was "a tragedy Mr. Dahlke was stabbed and died that night," she felt evidence pointed to manslaughter.

She said Ferguson told police he did not intend to kill

Dahlke and thought he had only inserted the tip of the knife. She added there were two long guns in the house and 90 rounds of ammunition, so if Ferguson wanted to kill Dahlke, he could have shot him.

She added if Ferguson was intent on killing, he would have stabbed Dahlke multiple times, not just once, and he would have stabbed him in the chest, not the back.

She put forth a defense theory that Dahlke, who was intoxicated, could have rolled over, causing the knife to go deeper, or fallen on the floor, driving it into him even more.

Speaking to state of mind, she added there was evidence Ferguson was intoxicated after consuming at least six to seven cans of beer, wine, and smoking marijuana.

She added other statements he made to police included: "I don't know what happened," that he'd made a "bad mistake," "this went awry" and "I don't know why I went down there." She added statements such as, "I can't remember. Everything happened so fast."

Martin added Ferguson's failure to call for help could have been due to his drunkenness.

She said there were too many unanswered questions to find a verdict of guilty of second-degree murder. However, the jury disagreed.

Ferguson has been remanded to July 19 at 9:30 a.m. to set a date for sentencing.

It's clear that Dylan Dahlke did not deserve to die and Ferguson didn't need to kill him.
Ontario Crown prosecutor, Kent Saliwonchyk

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Community 'deeply displeased' with HHHS AGM

By Lisa Gervais

During an AGM, met with "deep displeasure" by critics, HHHS acting CEO Veronica Nelson committed to town hall meetings, a continued quest for a CT scan machine, and better planning for the County's future health care.

It was also revealed at the June 22 online meeting that the Corporation had a \$3.3 million deficit at the end of the fiscal year ending March 31, partly due to paying agency nurses to work at Minden and Haliburton hospitals.

Near the end of the meeting, prior to a 20-minute question and answer period, Nelson said, "I recognize the last few weeks and months have been challenging for this community. I understand there are still many questions regarding the consolidation of the Minden emergency department."

She went on to say her priority is hearing from the public, and working with the community and health service partners, to provide quality care to patients.

Nelson announced she'll be hosting the first of four town halls June 29 in Minden. "This town hall will be an opportunity for us to share information, to hear from you, and discuss how we plan to continue providing high quality patient care for our community today and into the future," she said via Zoom.

Head of the finance committee, Irene O'Dell, said, "HHHS finished a very challenging year of operations with a \$4.2 million deficit compared to a minor surplus position for the prior year... with that, our net debt at the year-end was close to \$3.3 M for the year ending March 31, 2023."

Acting chief of staff, Dr. Norm Bottum, said he will be replaced by Dr. Anna Costia July 1. However, he said, "it's our sincere hope the board is able to find a permanent chief of staff in the new year. With all the ups and downs over the last few years, it's increasingly apparent that a permanent chief of staff will be an important role to help support the board during this time."

He said challenges include nearly non-existent home care services, pressures on long-term care, a loss of personal support workers and family physicians. He said many people in the community do not have a primary care provider "and there are no good prospects at present to help with this."



Above: Patrick Porzuczek of Save the Minden ER (right) panned a lack of transparency at the meeting. Inset: David O'Brien has been returned as the chair of the HHHS board. File.

"Our system is stressed, and for many in our community, it is failing."

He said the key is to attract staff who live, work and play in the region as outside agency employees are temporary and unsustainable. He hopes the situation can improve over the next two to three years. Dr. Bottum added that getting a CT scan machine will help.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation has committed to raising the money for a CT scanner if the Ministry of Health approves one. In her report, executive director Melanie Klodt Wong said, "it was yet another challenging year with the uncertainty of the pandemic impact, impactful world events and economic concerns, but despite all of this, the foundation was successful in raising more funds than expected through generous donations from individuals, foundations, corporations, community associations, and service clubs." She said they were able to transfer \$336,000 for capital equipment.

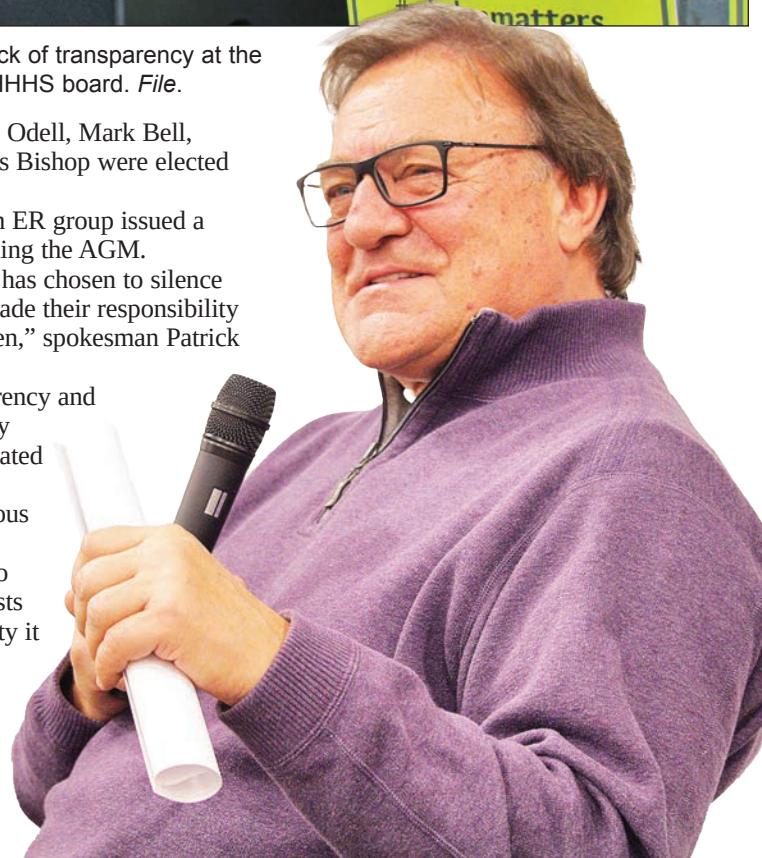
At the meeting, David O'Brien (chair),

Diana McNiven, Irene Odell, Mark Bell, John Herald and Kurtis Bishop were elected as directors.

The Save the Minden ER group issued a press release condemning the AGM.

"Once again, HHHS has chosen to silence the community and evade their responsibility to the people of Minden," spokesman Patrick Porzuczek said.

"The lack of transparency and meaningful community involvement demonstrated during the meeting continues to raise serious questions about the board's commitment to serving the best interests of the entire community it claims to represent."



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Climate change 'pressing' local health issue

By Lisa Gervais

A new report released June 21 by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit sheds light on what the health unit is calling significant health risks posed by climate change in the area.

The *Climate Change Health Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment* report emphasizes climate change is not just an environmental issue but also the "biggest global health threat of the 21st century."

The report presents a comprehensive analysis of the current and future impacts of climate change on the health of residents in the area. It identifies populations more likely to be impacted and recommends adapting to reduce health risks.

According to the report, climate change can worsen existing health conditions and introduce new health threats.

Climate hazards identified in the report include extreme temperatures, extreme weather, poor air quality, vector-borne diseases, safe food and water, and solar ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

"This report shows that climate change is not a distant problem but a pressing local public health issue that requires immediate attention," said Sue Shikaze, health promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit.

"We must act now to protect the health and well-being of our residents, especially those at greatest risk."

Shikaze added there is a strong need for collaboration to adapt and be more resilient to climate change.

The report calls for action from multiple sectors, including health care, environmental agencies, community organizations, and policymakers. Key findings from the report include:

- Temperature:** Projections indicate a significant increase in hot days by 2050,



A health unit report says climate change will impact health. *File*.

leading to heat-related illnesses and mental health impacts, particularly affecting older adults, people with chronic illnesses, and those with limited income.

- Extreme weather:** Flooding, power outages, severe storms, wildfires, and droughts are expected weather hazards, resulting in injuries, mental health impacts, and disruptions to health care services.

- Vector-borne diseases:** Longer warm seasons contribute to the spread of insects carrying diseases, such as black-legged ticks (Lyme disease) and mosquitoes (West Nile virus). Outdoor workers, older adults,

and individuals with weakened immune systems are at higher risk.

- Safe food and water:** Increased temperature and precipitation pose threats to the safety and availability of drinking and recreational water, as well as food security. People on low income are particularly affected.

- Air quality:** Rising temperatures contribute to higher concentrations of air pollutants, worsening allergies, and respiratory illnesses, and increasing the risk of heart disease and stroke. Traffic-related air pollution zones affect a significant portion of the population, including schools

and long-term care facilities.

Shikaze said, "many programs of the HKPR District Health Unit address the health risks posed by climate change, including public education, collaborative initiatives, and advocacy for policy changes."

"The next phase of this work is the development of a climate change adaptation action plan that will provide a detailed roadmap for implementing adaptive measures to ensure the future health and well-being of the community."

The report can be found at hkpr.on.ca/ClimateChange.

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Cross Cut, an exhibit by Rob Niezen, is on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until July 1. The exhibit features 24 linocuts illustrating traditional Ontario folk songs reimagined in a contemporary context. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information please look at the events calendar <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2023-05-04-1000-Cross-Cut-Exhibit-by-Rob-Niezen>.

Bateman Family: A Sense of Place will be on display from July 6 to September 2 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. This personal family exhibit features original paintings and limited-edition prints by renowned artist and naturalist Robert Bateman; Alan, Brad, Jack & Ross Bateman, and photographs by Birgit Freybe Bateman. The opening reception will take place on Saturday July 8 from 1-4 pm. Pre-registration is required for the artist talk at 1:30 pm. For more information, please call 705-286-3763, email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or look at the events calendar <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2023-07-06-1000-Bateman-Family-A-Sense-of-Place>.

The Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place is now open for the season Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm. Join us daily for self-guided village tours and hands-on activities including Paper Plate Birds on June 29 from 11 am - 12 pm and 2-3 pm, and Canada Day fun on July 1 including a performance by Rob Power, Master Magician from 11 am - 12 pm, Air Bounce Inflatables and Games from 10 am - 2 pm and FREE ice cream sponsored by Kawartha Dairy at 12 pm (while supplies last). Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

There is a County wide FIRE BAN in effect as of June 1, 2023, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has also imposed a Fire Restriction Zone, across Ontario, under the Forest Fires Prevention Act restricting the use of open fires. The MNRF Restricted Fire Zone supersedes the County wide FIRE BAN.

To keep informed on current fire restrictions please visit our website at <https://www.mindenhills.ca/en/living-here/fire-and-emergency-services>, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry website at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-restrictions> or contact Fire Chief, Shain Duda at 705-286-1202 ext. 1 or sduda@mindenhills.ca.

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Regular hours of operation are in effect for Canada Day (July 1st) and the remainder of the long weekend, at all four waste disposal sites. For a complete list of hours, please visit mindenhills.ca/landfill.



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Minden Hills Council & Staff wish everyone a Safe and Happy Canada Day. Administration Offices and services will be CLOSED on July 3rd.

Improving efficiency at Maple Lake landfill

By Lisa Gervais

Algonquin Highlands staff and council gathered June 27 for the official opening ceremony of the new operations centre at the Maple Lake waste disposal site.

"As a million-dollar project, we are celebrating the completion of its first phase, which will improve the efficiency of operations at the site," said communication coordinator, Chad Ingram.

Public works supervisor Adam Thorn and environmental manager Melissa Murray were joined by mayor Liz Daniels, deputy mayor Jennifer Dailloux and councillors Lisa Barry and Julia Shortreed for a ribbon-cutting. Coun. Sabrina Richards was absent.

Daniels said, "it's a really exciting day for the municipality. This project has been a long time in the planning. It is really an exciting project, working so much better for everybody, so much more organized and cost-effective."

She thanked Thorn and Murray for the work they'd done, the contractor, and Cambium.

Murray said it's been up and running for a couple of weeks and they've had "excellent" feedback from the public. "Not a negative comment, which is fabulous. I've had people make a point of pulling me aside to say how fabulous this is. Long-time residents who've been here and this has been the best change

that they've seen."

She said they'd gone from about half to three-quarters-of-a-hectare to about two hectares, giving them a lot more useable space. After working on an active landfill, they now have permanent bins, and can use the landfill as it was intended.

They have room for 10, 40-yard bins and potentially two more. The site is split into two parts now, household waste and recycling, and non-household, as well as space for things such as tires and metal. On the other side are chargeable materials, such as construction waste, brush and leaves, shingles, concrete, mattresses, furniture, fridges etc.

"And the long-term plan is that area will all be scaled materials. Right now, we assess based on volume but in the future, they will be based on weight and there will be a scale in place. So, people can scale in, go through the loop, go through this area, or exit the site."

Murray added they still have all of their existing diversion programs, such as electronics, batteries, propane cylinders and a well-used reuse centre.

Murray said the contract was worth nearly \$900,000 and they would get weigh scales this year.

"It's a very popular site."

Councillors Lisa Barry, Julia Shortreed, mayor Liz Daniels, and deputy mayor Jennifer Dailloux cut the ribbon.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.



Work starts on Haliburton gas bar, fast food restaurant

Work is continuing along County Road 21 in Haliburton to bring a retail store, convenience store and gas station, and fast food restaurant to 10 Hops Drive.

Dysart et al planner, Jeff Iles, said council conditionally approved the development on Oct. 27, 2020.

He added it proceeded through the public planning process in December 2020. Minor amendments to the site plan agreement were made in August 2022, after the property was sold.

Dysart paperwork indicates the owner as of Aug. 23, 2022 is the Sunray Group/Hops

Drive Inc. They have not returned several *Highlander* calls. The previous owner was listed as Marnac Management Corp.

Plans include a 10,000 sq. ft. retail building, 1,600 sq. ft. convenience store, 1,600 sq. ft. fast food restaurant with a take-out window, and three gas pumps.

Architectural drawings show a Dollarama sign, but *The Highlander* has not been able to confirm who the proposed retailers are. (Lisa Gervais).

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OPP are still investigating a break-in at the River Cone. *File.*

■ OPP NEWS

Two arrested in Minden River Cone theft

The Minden River Cone co-owner Monica Bolton say she and Ben Scott have had an “upsetting week” after thieves broke into the iconic Minden business June 25.

Bolton said her 16-year-old daughter had only closed up shop when, within three minutes, three people broke in. They stole a point-of-sale iPad, \$2,500 and food.

Bolton added the “brazen, daytime robbery, felt quite violating.”

However, she said, luckily, they installed security cameras last year and were comforted by the fact they caught the thieves red-handed.

They posted the footage to Facebook in hopes of identifying the culprits and OPP were made aware of the surveillance video.

OPP said June 27 they’d charged two people in connection with the break-in and were working on bringing a third suspect in.

Const. Matt Taylor said the two had been

charged with break and enter, and theft under \$5,000.

“We’re still investigating,” Const. Taylor said, adding there was no concern for public safety.

Bolton said they’ve always wanted The Minden River Cone to be a safe space for people to come to, even when the business is closed, whether it is to play basketball or find shelter.

“We know there is a mental health crisis with addiction but that just kind of took it too far. My sympathy and compassion dry up when things like this happen.”

“It’s just such an unfortunate scene that we’re seeing in the community, that these things are happening to individuals and small businesses. It’s hard to know what to do.”

She said the last thing she wanted to do was post the footage on social media but, “I feel the community needs to know these are the people... watch your back and watch your stuff.”

However, Bolton said, “by far and wide,

this community has been so welcoming. It’s incredible. Our numbers, year over year are just growing. We understand what a special place that location is.”

Fatal single ATV collision

Haliburton Highlands OPP are investigating a fatal, single, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) collision in Haliburton County.

On June 24, shortly before 6 p.m., OPP and emergency services responded to a rollover on Madill Road near Glamor Lake Road, west of Tory Hill. The rider, and lone occupant, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The name of the deceased was not released.

Madill Road remained closed for several hours as OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision, or has dashcam footage and has not yet spoken with police, is asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Rollover on Hwy. 35

OPP are also investigating a single-vehicle rollover on Hwy. 35 in Minden Hills.

On June 24, shortly after 4 p.m., OPP and emergency services responded to a single passenger vehicle collision, where a vehicle travelling southbound on Hwy. 35 crossed into the northbound lanes and rolled, coming to rest on Moore Lake Estates Road.

Two occupants, after one was extricated, were transported to local hospital, and later airlifted by Ornge to a Toronto-area trauma centre with serious injuries.

OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionist assisted with the investigation. Hwy. 35 northbound was reduced to one lane but is reopened.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision, or has dashcam footage and has not yet spoken with police, is asked to call the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122.



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Chinese Mystery Snails are continuing to appear in Highlands' lakes. *Submitted.*

Fast start to snail removal

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association (CHA), has again joined with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) Invasive Species Awareness Program.

Together they have more than 200 volunteers trained and licensed again this year to monitor and remove two invasive breeds of snails from many of the lakes in the area, the Chinese mystery snail and the Banded mystery snail.

"It is a fantastic program," said Paul MacInnes, chair of the CHA, "The volunteers go through a training program to be licensed." He said they try and have the licenses issued prior to the May long weekend so they can get on the lakes as early as possible.

The assistant co-ordinator at the OFAH, Brook Schryer, explained that without a license, it is illegal to remove the snails from the lakes. "In 2020, the CHA came to us about the mystery snails that were clogging up the shoreline making it difficult to recreate and enjoy their properties." In 2021, the OFAH officially began the Mystery Snail Management and Removal program, which allowed them to apply to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) for a group license to collect fish for scientific purposes. "The training takes about two to three hours, and this year the majority of the volunteers were actually already trained from previous years," Schryer said.

Training includes how to identify the invasive species, collect them, euthanize them, and dispose of them safely and properly. "It is nearly impossible to eradicate an established population of invasive species, especially aquatic," said Schryer. "So, the goal of this program from the outset was to provide volunteers with the agency to clean up their shorelines, protect their property values and just enjoy their waterfronts."

Volunteers that took part in the program last

year spent over 750 hours monitoring 30km of shoreline, in total there were 24 lakes that reported removal of the snails. "There is no cost to the volunteers, and the CHA carries an insurance rider, so they are all covered under our policy," said MacInnes.

Tasks that come with being a volunteer with this program is reporting to the OFAH: how many snails were collected, what lake they were collected from and the area on that lake they were found. According to Schryer, about 685,000 mystery snails have been collected over the past two to three years. "The first year was very high, in the 550,000 range, the second year was about 135,000. We are uncertain as to what it's going to look like this year, but we have received some initial reports and it sounds like there are some pretty dense populations."

MacInnes echoed Schryer's initial statement of the situation this year. "They have spread up through the majority of lakes now. I spoke to a woman just a few weeks ago who said that she and another licensee collected 8,000 snails on a Saturday afternoon in their lake."

Not only do invasive species have a variety of societal impacts, like not being able to enjoy your property, but they also have a significant economic impact. Schryer stated that the annual cost in Ontario is in the millions, in Canada the estimated cost is around \$35 billion, and "globally somewhere around \$1.4 trillion." He said it is known as the "invisible tax" because the average person doesn't necessarily see it, but the dollars are being spent at all levels of government to deliver a variety of programs to try to manage invasive species and educate the public about invasive species.

The OFAH has an invading species hotline, 1-800-563-7711. Anybody in Ontario can call to ask questions. They also have an early detection and distribution mapping system at EDDMapS.org where people can actually go online to report invasive species in the province.



Banded Mystery Snail. *Submitted.*



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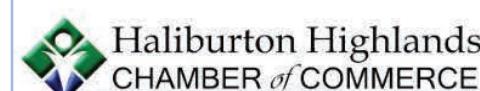


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Get out of the way

This year's outdoor graduation photos are going to be a tad hazy. With the Highlands shrouded in forest fire smoke much of the month of June, it feels a bit dystopian. I wonder what the Hal High, and other grads, think of the state of our world right now? I wonder what they think of the climate change deniers in our very borders?

I can only imagine the future must seem daunting for those wearing the red and white robes as they move the tassels on their mortar boards from one side to the other.

When I graduated high school, a thousand years ago, we were only worried about the after-grad party, and the summer shenanigans we would get up to. We had not endured a rapidly deteriorating Earth that is causing widespread fires and floods. We had not just endured a global pandemic, with threats of others. The economy was not in the toilet. We could still dream of owning homes. We didn't worry so much about our mental health.

In today's *Highlander*, we have a story about a local health unit report emphasizing climate change is not just an environmental issue, but also the biggest global health threat

of the 21st century.

It says climate change is going to worsen the health of some of us and introduce new health threats.

Extreme temperatures, weather, poor air quality, vector-borne diseases, safe food and water, and solar ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

In other words, it clearly shows this is not a distant problem, but a pressing local issue that requires immediate attention.

The deniers will say there's nothing we can do locally. Surely, the blame rests with big polluting countries, such as China. It isn't a real threat, they'll say, thrusting their heads deeper in the sand, just something cyclical that the earth experiences.

Wake up, people.

I agree that driving that Tesla is not going to save the world, especially when we've read about the environmental impacts of electric vehicle car batteries. And those paper utensils are really not going to cut it either.

As a community, we need to start listening to the experts. We need to acknowledge that climate change is real, and a threat to our future. We have to stop and consider the climate when making decisions, whether it



By Lisa Gervais

is our next car, or a decision to not use plastic bags when we buy tomatoes at the grocery store.

I'm not naive to think that is enough.

What's required is real, grassroots pressure on policy makers, in Ontario, Canada and across the world. *The Toronto Star* recently ran a story on how the federal government has underspent on its promises to tackle climate change, for example.

But let's get back to those grads. Clearly my generation of leaders continue to fail. When I feel hopeless, it is often through interactions with kids at Hal High, or JDH, or ASES or Wilberforce elementary schools that I again feel hopeful. They get it. They will be the ones to at least attempt to reverse all of the damage that their predecessors have done. Forgive the terrible Whitney Houston reference, but I do believe the children are our future. We just need to get out of their way.

GUEST COLUMN

Giving HHHS a 'C'

By Diane Duff

When the Ottawa Hospital wanted to make changes to sites and services, they realized "the people and stakeholders in the process will have different and sometimes conflicting views" and while "conflicts create tensions, they are not irreconcilable..." and that it is possible "to find... win-win rather than win-lose solutions" (*Setting the Stage, Turning the Page*). The board and senior management realized not engaging with the community would impact everything from trust to fundraising.

Contrast this to Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) when making changes to hospital sites and services in which the board and CEO announced the closure of the Minden Emergency Department (ED) as "a done deal" with only six weeks' notice.

Minden ED provided 58 per cent of the total ED visits to HHHS last year. Everyone from the Minden ED, doctors, nurses, and radiology staff, to the Minden council members, to emergency service providers, the media, and the public were in the dark until the announcement was made April 20. Insufficient notice violated the contract between HHHS and the Minden ED doctors, so they needed to be paid 60 days compensation to not work (June and July). This is a waste of human resources, ED services, and more than \$250,000 of

taxpayers' money.

While HHHS might argue they cannot be compared to a big city hospital like in Ottawa, there are many other small hospitals that understand the need to engage with their communities and the advantages for doing so. Take the Kemptville Hospital. Like the Minden Hospital, Kemptville Hospital was built after years of "planning and fundraising by a determined group of volunteers." Kemptville has a population of about 4,000 people. They were awarded perfect scores and exemplary standing for the second time not only due to clinical excellence, but because of dedication to patient-centred care and inclusion of community voices in the way they operate. Campbellford Memorial Hospital, with a local, year-round population of 4,000, that expands by leaps and bounds during the summer season, also achieved an 'exemplary standing' award from Accreditation Canada in 2023.

If you think of exemplary standing as an A grade, and accreditation with commendation as a B grade, it is not hard to figure out that HHHS with their award of accreditation in 2019 just managed to scrape a C. Transparency and community member involvement is an essential operational component evaluated by Accreditation Canada. Though HHHS was due for accreditation this year, HHHS has submitted a 'sick note' and delayed the process.

I attended the 27th AGM of the HHHS board June 22 via Zoom. After initial problems with the links they provided, which caused late entry to the meeting, many attendees, like me, were restricted from voting due to a flawed application process.

During the meeting, vote counts were not read for any of the motions and new board members, chosen by the board, were acclaimed, rather than elected, though other candidates had applied.

In Toronto, where there were 102 candidates for mayor, the slate of candidates was known, and it was the people who chose their mayor in a democratic process, not the sitting politicians. While non-voting members were allowed to pose typed questions following the AGM, not all were read, and many that were read were edited and not asked as they had been written. Responses to the questions were often: "I do not have that information."

An essential difference between A and C grade hospitals in Ontario is the boards' and management of the A grades truly believe they work with, and on behalf of, patients, families, and their communities to continuously improve their care, and to create a shared story or narrative. They do not arbitrarily shut essential services without consultation and manipulate board and AGM participation to silence community voices.

HAVE AN OPINION?

Send your letters to editor@thehighlander.ca (300 words max)

LETTERS

HHHSF appeal

Dear editor,

Now more than ever there is reason to care for each other.

At the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, we are very aware of how our actions affect others in communities we serve.

The Foundation is deeply concerned for the community, and individuals affected by the recent changes. We are in awe of how neighbours have come together to support one another at this time and are grateful that people are looking out for each other.

We are also unbelievably thankful to the health care workers who continue to support our needs. We don't know what we would do without them.

We want to continue to support our community and our health care teams by raising funds for equipment and services that are not funded by the government or government agencies.

The needs of our community are continuing to grow and the recent events in local health care show us we need to increase our investment in care. We will do whatever we can to provide additional support to keep health care in our County, especially emergency care.

The Foundation is not involved in operations. We are an independent fundraising not-for-profit created to financially support areas of HHHS not funded by the government. We continue to raise funds for equipment that will help health care workers be their best and to bring more qualified workers to the County. We can't affect wages for workers but we can give them the tools to be their best.

We support community members who need help through Meals on Wheels and medically-required transportation so they can enjoy a few hot meals a month or get

to important, life-saving appointments. We also help our two long-term care facilities and staff education. This is made possible through the generosity of residents and cottagers.

To financially support these efforts, donations can be made on the hhhs.ca/foundation website or through our events and campaigns which will continue to run throughout the summer and beyond.

Board of directors
HHHS Foundation

HHHS board 'a private club'

Dear editor,

The annual general meeting of the members of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) non-profit corporation was held virtually at 2 p.m. on June 22.

It can best be described as a carefully staged production with no public (or member) input.

The corporation appears to be on the verge of bankruptcy, yet everything seemed to be fine.

All pre-construed motions were passed easily by an apparent virtual show of hands, according to the chair of the board.

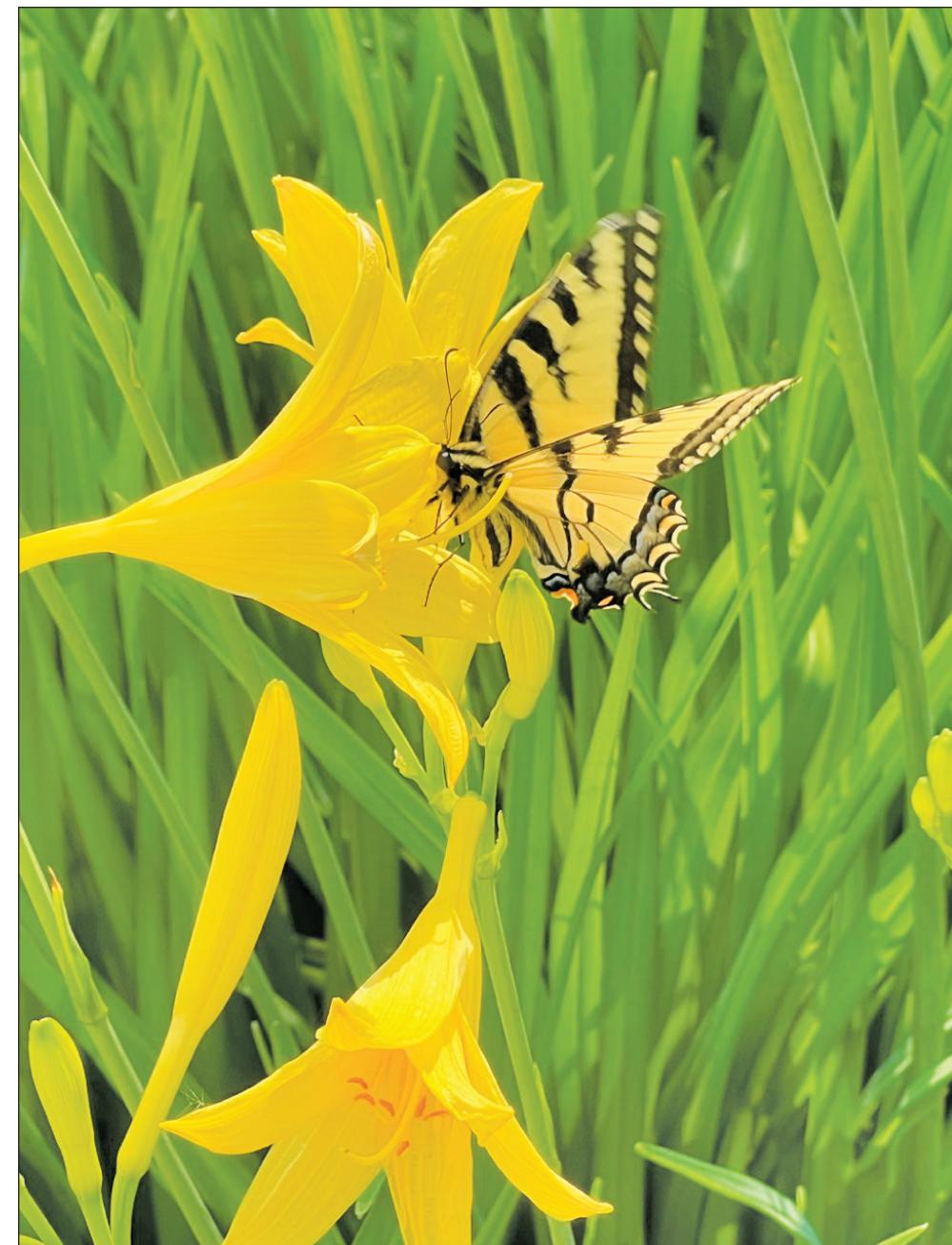
There was no mention of the Minden ER closure, nor about the ballooning wait times at the Haliburton ER.

This organization is being run as a little private club with no accountability.

It is high time for the Ministry of Health to step in, remove the board, and appoint an interim supervisor until things can be set straight.

Al and Wendy Aubry
Minden

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Gerry Wigg sent this photo of a Yellow Swallowtail on a yellow lilly.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

CLIMATE CORNER

Protect yourself from wildfire smoke

More than 400 fires rage in nine provinces and two territories, smoke blankets our skies, and more than 100,000 Canadians have evacuated their homes.

Climate change is a key factor in increasing risk and extent of fires. The organic material that starts fires is hotter and drier, pests and insects are weakening and killing trees, global warming is leading to longer, harsher droughts and more extreme weather events. And the smoke and carbon released into the atmosphere from the fires accelerates further warming and temperature rise.

Nearly 85 per cent of wildfires are caused by humans. But forest fires destroy mostly animal habitat. And while we can go indoors, close windows, wear a ventilation mask, butterflies cannot. Frogs, owls, crickets, foxes, moose, fish cannot.

Animals cannot escape indoors. And everything about their homes is affected by wildfires. Ash and soot fall into lakes and rivers and choke the oxygen in the water, asphyxiating fish and aquatic life, polluting water supply locally and downstream.

Burnt forests and ruined habitat (grasslands, marshes, creeks, shrubs, hardwood) reduce nature's biodiversity. This is a loss of all living things because everything in nature is interconnected. Each loss has a domino effect, as each species depends on others for survival.

Poor air quality is the most immediate and obvious effect of wildfires. Pollution in our air is equal to smoking a number of cigarettes per day or per hour – the number depends on what exactly is burning, the fire temperature, weather conditions and the particulate count in the air.

There are online air quality calculators you can use to evaluate what your exposure risk is each day. An Air Quality Index (AQI) of 20 is roughly equivalent to smoking one cigarette a day. An AQI of 150 for a few days would be like smoking about seven cigarettes a day.

On June 25 in Haliburton County, the Plume AQI was 176, classified as very unhealthy, with high levels of fine particulate matter. FPM is inhalable pollutant particles

with a diameter less than 2.5 micrometers that can enter the lungs and bloodstream, reaching all organs, with the most severe effects on the lungs and heart. Fine particulate gets into the lungs and causes inflammation. Exposure can result in coughing, difficulty breathing, aggravated asthma, and the development of chronic respiratory disease.

Asthmatics, elderly, pregnant women, those with heart and lung conditions and children are most affected. Children's lungs are still developing and are smaller. Children breathe in more air per unit of body weight. Air that is denser with toxic particulate affects children faster than it affects most adults.

The primary cause of death from wildfires is smoke inhalation. Inhaled smoke robs your body of oxygen, and symptoms may not show up until 24-48 hours after exposure. Smoke can contain carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, formaldehyde, hydrocarbons, trace minerals. Protect yourself from toxic exposure and prolonged lung inflammation.

Ways to stay safe:

- Watch air quality warnings (AccuWeather Haliburton, Canada Air Quality Index).
- If possible, stay inside and close your windows.
- Do not burn candles, light a fire, or smoke indoors. These increase indoor pollution.
- Do not vacuum. This increases circulation of fine particles that may have come in through windows or doors.
- Wear an N95 mask outdoors. Fitted correctly, this mask blocks out 95 per cent of particles larger than 0.3 microns and effectively keep out 2.5-micron particles from wildfire smoke.
- Indoors, run air-conditioning if it has a good HVAC filter. An air purifier can help.
- Obtain an air quality APP and monitor safety. You will need it; wildfires are increasing in frequency and intensity.

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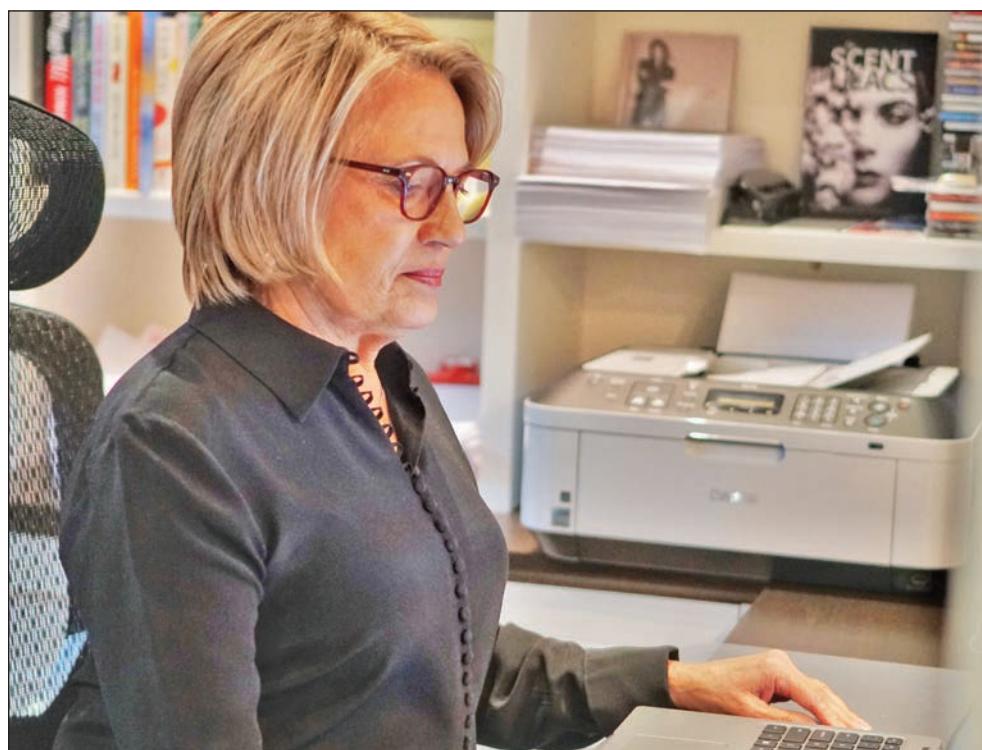
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Antonia Giglio sits down to write. Submitted

Kash Lake author whips up recipe for drama in new book

By Lisa Gervais

A member of the Marcus Beach community, Antonia Giglio is looking forward to July at the cottage, and sharing her book, *The Scent of Lilacs*, with readers.

Copies of her book are at Masters Book Store in Haliburton, and the independent book store has offered Giglio two book-signing events: July 25 and Aug. 12, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Giglio said she self-published the work of fiction on Sept. 27, 2002. She describes it as a psychological thriller.

In an interview, the full-time Oakville resident said she and husband of nearly 53 years, Joe, found the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog about the time her children were starting their own families.

She joked that in the summer, there isn't much time to write as the cottage fills with hungry children and grandchildren, cooking and trips to the grocery store, but there is sometimes time to read.

While living in Mississauga, her two sons finished university and "magically" turned into men, married, and had children. As they moved on, so did she and Joe. In 2010, they built a home in Oakville, where they could be in a village atmosphere, close to town.

At about the same time, she decided to pull back from their family business and find other avenues of interest. One was volunteering with the May Court Club of Oakville and the other, honing her creative writing skills.

"In a class exercise, we were asked to pick out three random prompts. Mine were: you loathe the man you married; you receive a small package; and you meet someone from

your past. I was intrigued by the plot and character possibilities and let my passion for writing take over."

She said she spent many years researching, writing, and editing, "to make the story shine." To bring the novel to a conclusion, she self-published with the Canadian company, FriesenPress.

Her protagonist is Marla, a redhead with a fragile psyche, who realizes her husband is not the man she thought he was.

"Add a narcissistic mother with the voice of a diva, an overprotective cop father, long-kept secrets, and you whip up a recipe for drama - one that involves deception, crime, and possible murder. Marla must find the strength and resilience to regain her freedom," Giglio says of the plot.

She added *The Scent of Lilacs* is a human-interest story within a complicated family structure that explores how and why some people can easily manipulate others.

She said it also begs some questions, such as, "do you really know your partner?" and, "are the choices you make ones you can live with?"

The author added it's never too late to follow your passion, whether writing, or another hobby.

"Find the passion that's always been inside you and just... get started, one step at a time. Someone suggested dropping the words "I can't" and inserting "How can I?" That kind of positive thinking makes all the difference."

The Scent of Lilacs is available online at FriesenPress, Amazon, Indigo and all the major e-Book platforms, as well as limited copies at Masters.



Chaulk Talk: Kitchen Care & Maintenance

The kitchen is the heart of any home, a place in which family & friends gather for social events and fun, so the experience in this space should always be a memorable one. Regular care and maintenance of your cabinetry, countertops, and hardware can help extend a kitchen's lifespan and keep it looking great for years to come.

Cabinets are a major investment in any kitchen, so it's important to take good care of them. Regular cleaning with a mild soap and water solution can help remove dirt and grime that can build up over time. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or scouring pads that can scratch the surface. You'll also want to maintain the hardware by paying special attention to cleaning the door handles and drawer pulls, and tightening screws as required. At Chaulk, we provide a lifetime warranty on all hinges and drawer slides, taking the worry away!

As we said last week, countertops are another key element of any kitchen. Depending on the material used for your countertops, different care methods may be necessary. For example, granite countertops may require periodic sealing to protect against stains. Remember, regardless of your countertop material it's always best to use a cutting board to prevent any damage to your countertop – the show piece of your kitchen.

Organization is key to care & maintenance of any kitchen. Storing your appliances in the right place, will minimize overall wear & tear. Under-counter stand mixer lifts and coffee maker storage solutions, concealed by cabinet doors are a very popular request these days. Another option for storage with great functionality is designing a walk-in or built-in pantry – this may be easier than you think to achieve, with clever design.

Laying out your kitchen in a way that makes sense for your lifestyle can also help with maintenance. Ensuring that items are easy to get to and that drawers & cupboards are strategically placed so that they're easy to access and clean. Wipe down drawer interiors periodically with a damp cloth to remove any crumbs or debris that may have accumulated over time.

This is the last in our 5-part series on kitchen tips & tricks. We hope you've found it informative, thanks for reading and sticking with us each week!

I hope to hear from you,

-Trevor



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Collaboration key to revitalizing downtown

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

Working to bring the main street back to life is what Amy Joau, owner of Beauty Basics, wants for downtown Minden.

"It will take a collaborative effort by business owners and people, but that is what I am all about," she said.

When she opened her doors on Bobcaygen Street in May, she had already set the wheels in motion by talking with, and listening to, people and business owners in downtown Minden.

"I would like to see Minden thrive, attracting people to the downtown to enjoy the ambience of what the town has to offer, is what I would like to see," stated Joau, "collaborating with other businesses in town to make that happen by creating events such as sidewalk sales, being open later, other special events and ways to bring people back into town."

She hopes that businesses can get together and approach the township with different ideas and ways to spruce up the downtown core.

"We have a beautiful town, with the river right in the downtown area, there are so many things we could do to give it a bit of a facelift, if you will, to entice people of all ages to enjoy what is here."

Joau is in the business of beauty and wellness and firmly believes everyone deserves to feel beautiful, and that they matter. Providing services and products

that people want in the community is what Joau strives for.

The new location of Beauty Basics, on main street, has so much more space and Joau and her team are exploring ways in which to use it.

"We have three other businesses that use our space at the moment, Wild Haven offers such things as reiki, among others, while CNR Lash comes in as well as a massage therapist. "These are only a few ways that we are using the space at the moment:" said Joau. "Our doors are open as a hub for anyone who would like to use the space to provide wellness services." Rural Beauty is also part of the hub offering cosmetic injectables, micro-needling, wellness injections and more.

"We want to provide a fun, vibrant place within our own walls, as well as outside in the downtown area. A safe space for everyone wherever you are in life."

Joau went on to say that collaboration is the key, as well as listening. "I listen to people's ideas and I then I can pass the information on, a shared vision for Minden downtown. I believe in supporting the local businesses and doing things to bring downtown alive again."

The staff of Beauty Basics in Minden. Submitted.



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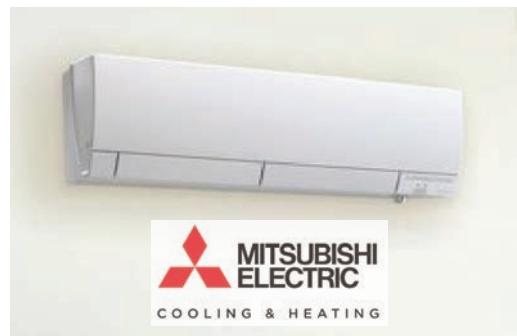


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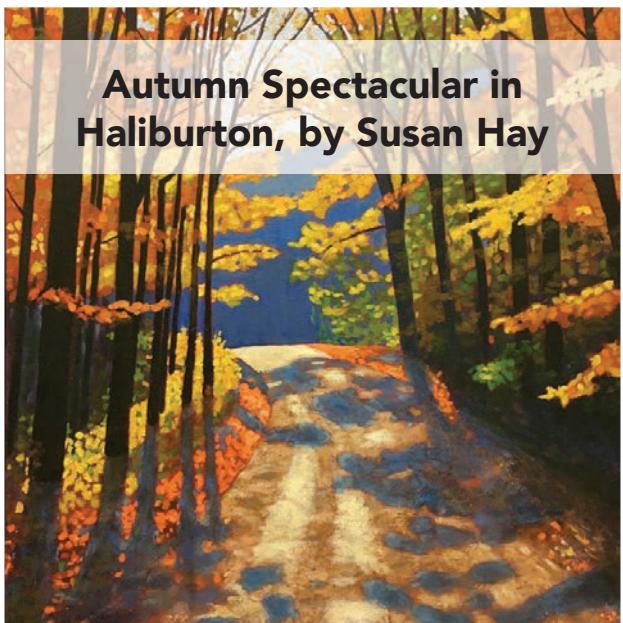
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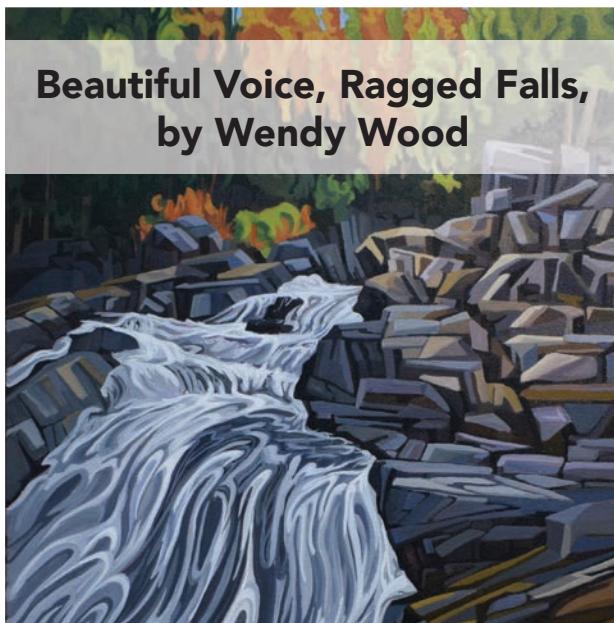
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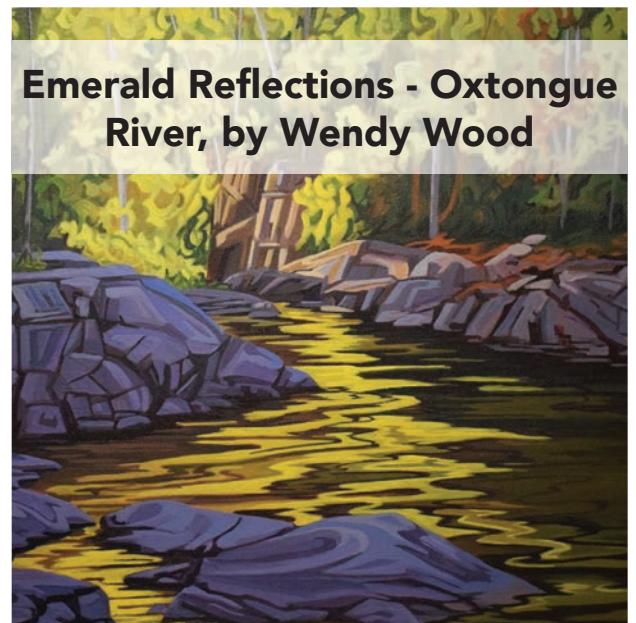
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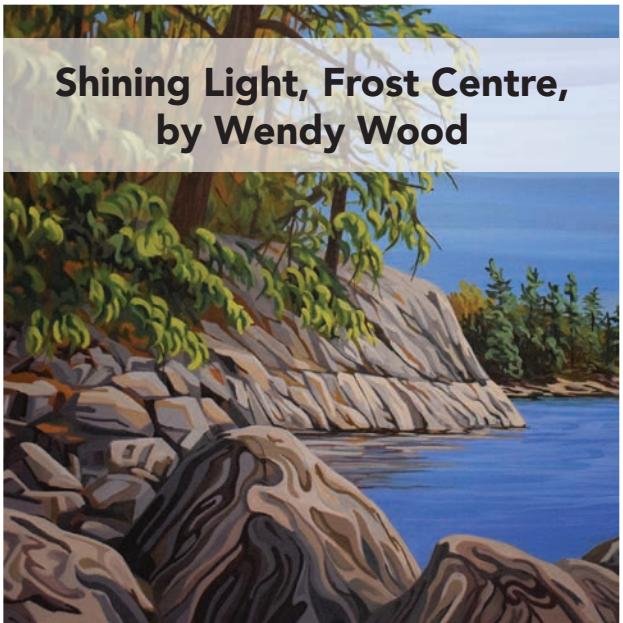
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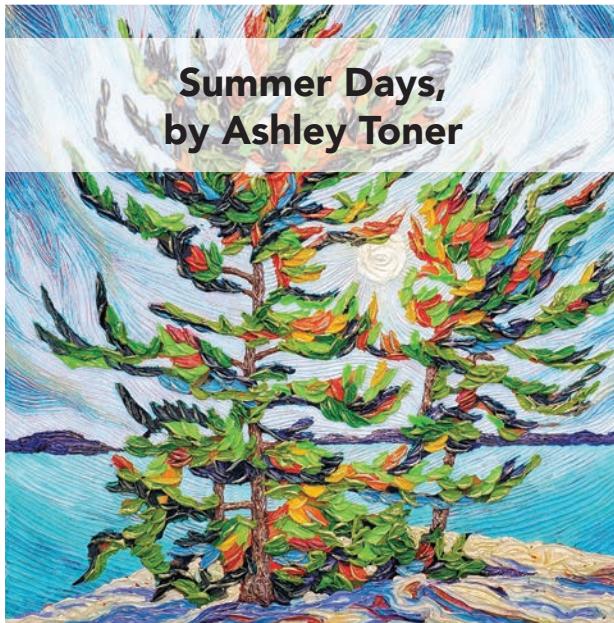
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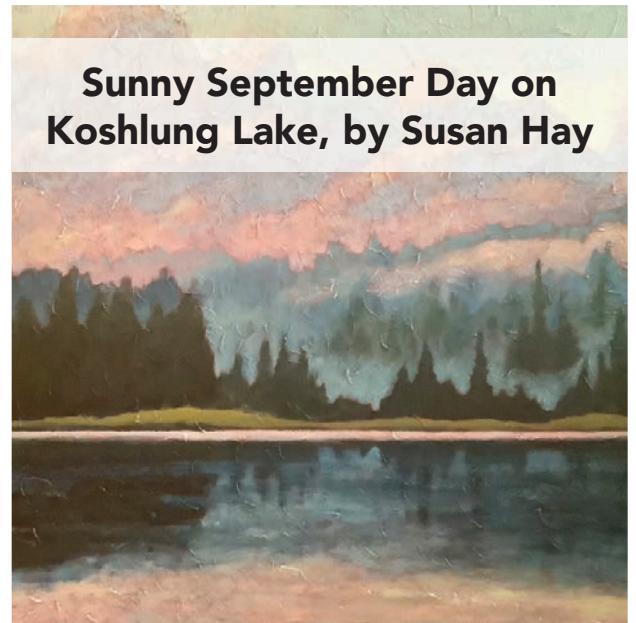
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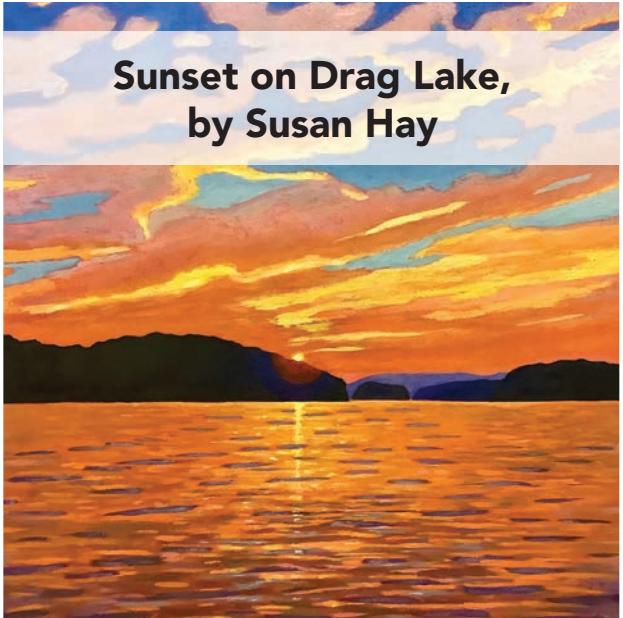
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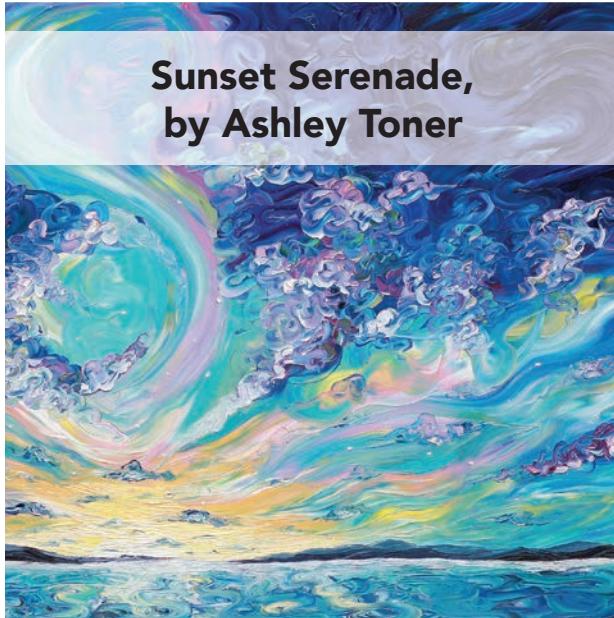
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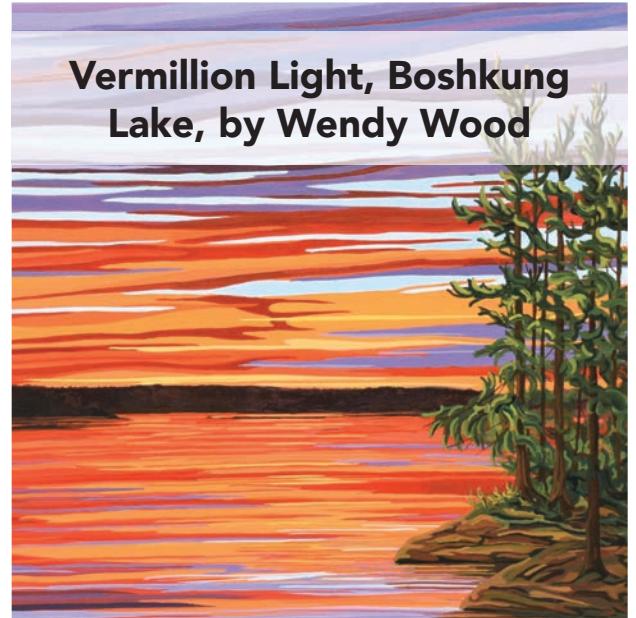
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Craig Bowker barefoot waterskiing. Photo by Jaxon Gill.

Ski-Mazing celebrates 20 years of water-tainment

By Jaxon Gill

This summer, Ski-Mazing Watersports School is celebrating its 20th year in the water-tainment business.

It was founded in 2003 by Craig Bowker, an avid water sports competitor and enthusiast.

Bowker started the business with just two instructors and a slalom course on Drag Lake. The following year, he was asked to provide programming for the Wigamog Inn on Lake Kashagawigamog. That was followed by a move to Bonnieview Inn.

This year, they've relocated to the Red Umbrella Inn on 12 Mile Lake in Minden.

Bowker said parasailing has become more than half of the business, so they've added a second location, strictly for parasailing, in Muskoka.

The school began with water sport lessons, in all disciplines of towed water sports, and then transitioned into resort services by adding jet ski and other equipment rentals, weekly ski shows, parasailing and flyboarding. They've done kids' day camps, and pontoon boat cruises.

"We are one of a few companies in all of Ontario that offer the Flyboard and the Jetovator," Bowker added.

Not long after the school began, Bowker enrolled his entire team in the SkiAbility Facilitators course to be able to offer water sports lessons to physically and mentally challenged participants.

Bowker has volunteered as the VP for Ski Schools, Clubs and Camps for Water Ski Wakeboard Ontario for many years and served as an examiner at Water Ski Wakeboard Canada's Instructor's Course.

He continued to contribute to the industry by serving on the development committee for the Rip & Ride program, issued by Water Ski Wakeboard Canada and the Long Term Athlete Development Program. He was also chosen to be the spokesperson for the national launch video production of Rip & Ride.

Bowker reckons he has employed 100 young people over the years, boosted County tourism, and been a founding member of the Adventure Haliburton Group.

Reporter gives it a go

I had the opportunity to experience parasailing for the first time with Ski-Mazing and it was incredible.

Bowker and one of the instructors, Kieran Hutchison, who has been with the company for two years, got me situated and prepared for the ordeal over 12 Mile Lake. It was an amazing view and incredibly easy. I'd say anyone, of any age, could give it a try.

Bowker said, "even though we offer extreme water sports, we all started as beginners. The majority of the reason we're here is to help people get better and be more confident in the sport."

They currently have five jet skis available for rental. They also offer customers the chance to experience trying out the Flyboard and Jetovator.

It appeared difficult at first glance, but after watching Bowker and his son, Spencer Bowker, use the two machines, it was less daunting to learn as they guided me every step of the way.

Bowker said the school has recently been sponsored by Algonquin Outfitters. "If people come to a ski school, they expect to have the best equipment. They can come here and have brand new skis and wakeboards from Algonquin Outfitters" Bowker said.

In his blood

Bowker said he spent every summer at the cottage with his family. He learned to water ski at the age of five and today has taught his own children to ski at the age of three. He's trained with world champion skiers, wakeboarders, and bare footers and has competed in tournaments from an early age.

But he says with a smile, "my lifelong dream was to operate a ski school."

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Top: Bob Stiles talking to the group. Above: Joy Shikaze. Photos by Jaxon Gill.

Kicking off another Highlands Challenge

By Jaxon Gill

The Abbey Retreat Centre (ARC) launched its 4th annual Haliburton Highlands Challenge June 25, with the event running from July 1-Sept. 30.

The retreat centre was full of participants, who will be taking to the water, hiking trails, bike paths, or staying active at home.

Since its establishment in 2017, ARC has remained dedicated to providing cancer retreats for free, acknowledging the financial burden individuals and families battling cancer already face. ARC has served more than 322 people affected by cancer through its programming. By December, ARC is set to host four more in-person retreats and three more online programs, serving another 70 people facing cancer. They had to close their doors due to COVID and transitioned to creating online programs. They have

also offered space to the local HHHS cancer support and grief groups, as well as providing a gathering place for families, who are looking for a time of relaxation in the midst of a cancer journey.

During the official launch for the challenge, Bob Stiles, who did a retreat in 2019, said he has set a goal of lifting 80,000 pounds. His wife, Arlene Stiles, supported Bob during his retreat and has joined ARC as a program coordinator. "The retreat reminded me that I am a whole person, I have lots of things to me other than cancer and a support person," said Stiles.

The challenge hopes to raise \$80,000, which would move 50 people off of the waitlist into a four-day retreat.

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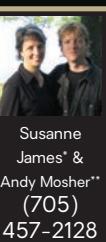
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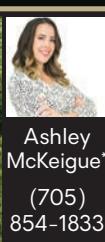
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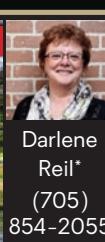
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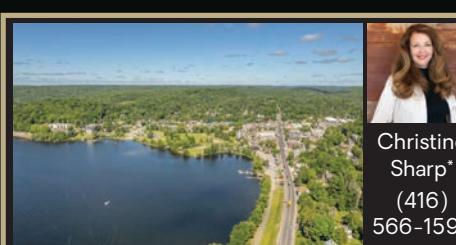


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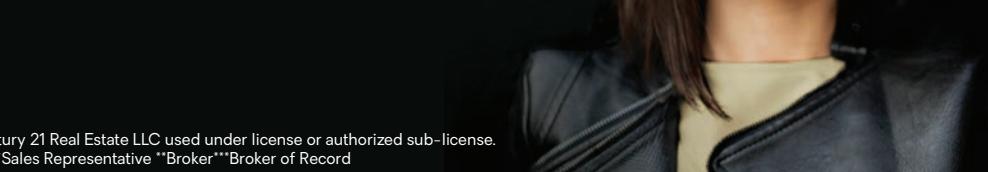


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Martin helped put Highlands on the map

By Lisa Gervais

Barrie Martin says people laugh when he tells them he's retiring.

The Yours Outdoors founder, who has his fingers in several tourism and community pies, understands the response.

"It would never be a full stop," he concedes, sipping coffee in the living room of his Haliburton County home.

However, "I'm ready to make a change," he adds. "And I've got the ideal circumstances."

Those conditions have come about because of a decision in 2020 to partner with Haliburton Forest. Martin founded Yours Outdoors in 2006, a business that's grown exponentially to feature events and experiences in every corner of the Haliburton Highlands. Martin excels in creating connections, highlighting the beauty and wonder of the area, and offering off-the-beaten-path experiences.

He was named Tourism Champion of the Year in 2016 and received the Sustainable Tourism Award in 2017 from the Ontario Tourism Industry Association.

Prior to Yours Outdoors, he had a 28-year career with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. He said he had a pension safety net from the ministry, which allowed him to take the leap of faith with Yours Outdoors. He knew the revenue would not make it worthwhile for someone without other income to take it over - which is how the partnership with the Forest came about.

While not in any big hurry to retire three years ago, it made for a perfect succession plan. There was a retirement party for Martin June 25 at the Forest.

When he says he won't fully stop, Martin references a number of other things that he is involved in, such as the Haliburton County Community Co-operative and the Haliburton County Folk Society. Other organizations are already approaching him about joining boards of directors. However, the plan is to take a break first, to spend time with family and travel.

He said it is a bit strange looking at a much lighter calendar for the month of July and beyond. He jokes the early days of COVID were probably a good training ground because he wasn't going anywhere or doing anything.

He'll miss the Yours Outdoors work. He said it allowed him to be creative in building



Barrie Martin celebrated retirement with a party at Haliburton Forest June 25. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

unique experiences for visitors to the Highlands.

"When you look at what this community offers in terms of landscapes, and amazing people doing amazing things, it's very much experience-rich. There's a certain dynamic to this community."

Martin said he is proud he was one of very few companies across Ontario and Canada offering "truly community-based and sustainable tourism. That's something the tourism industry is trying to foster. My company's always referenced as an example."

He added his greatest satisfaction is seeing

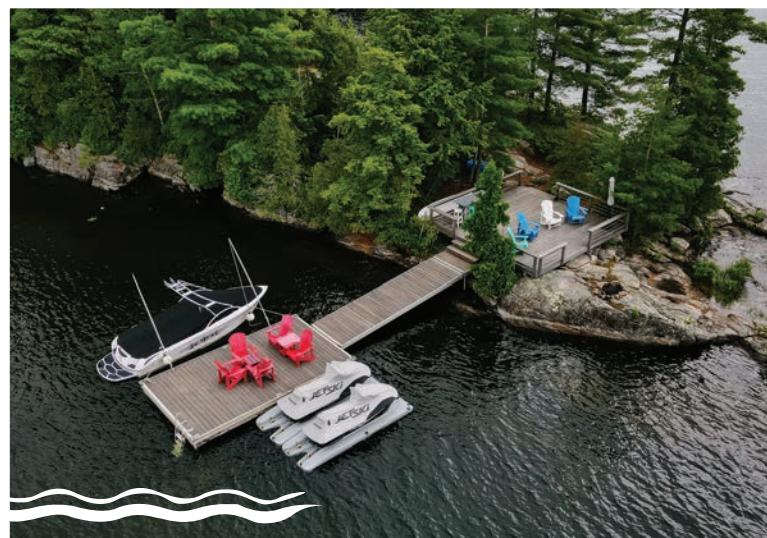
happy customers. There have been many over the years as he has ridden shotgun to birthday parties, and marriage proposals. "And the relationships I've built with the guides and experience leaders and the providers."

He's introduced a lot of international travel agents, and, in turn, international travellers to the Highlands. He said they see our playground with a fresh set of eyes, and it never fails to make him appreciate where he lives.

He continues to discover new people, places and experiences. He's also proud he's been

able to promote the myriad of Highlands experience providers. He's pleased to leave the company in Haliburton Forest's hands, where new additions are occurring. There's now painting with wolves at the Wolf Centre, and predator prowls, for example.

"It's really all about community and how that's inspired me, and I hope I've made a contribution. Meeting so many people, and developing those working relationships and friendships, I think I've helped put Haliburton Highlands on the map. There's some unique experiences here that people appreciate."



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Left: The new girls' only division. Photo by Heather Bramhan. Right: Girls start their summer soccer season at HHSS. Photo by Kathy Judson.

Girl power on the pitch

Haliburton Grassroots Soccer started its second year June 22 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School fields.

Founder of Sweatbank and Additional Nutritional, Kathy Judson, said they're full

with 14 teams and more than 200 players. There is also a new, separate, division for girls' soccer.

Judson said the program is doing "great" and they are growing it with more players this year.

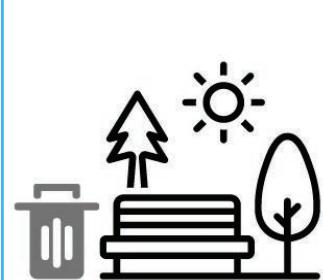
She wanted to highlight the girls-only division as it's the first time they're doing it.

Judson said it's important girls have their own space on the pitch. She said at ages seven or eight they tend to stop playing sports, such as soccer. She said because they often play less than boys of the same age, there can be a difference in abilities, and girls can shy away from the sport and be a bit more intimidated.

"So, we're giving the girls their own space in this league who would not otherwise play. It's really important for the growth of girls' sports in Haliburton County."

She said girls ages four and five are also still playing mixed soccer, and they probably have more than 100 girls overall. (Lisa Gervais).

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Wilberforce Legion turns 50

The Wilberforce Legion celebrated its 50th anniversary this past weekend. On hand for the celebrations were, left to right, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, first vice-president, Bruce Rennie, president Janice Sorensen, Jan Simon, and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale. *Submitted*.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton weekly activities

Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room.

Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall & bingo, doors open at 6 p.m.

Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.

Saturdays: 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each available in the Clubroom.

Clubroom hours: Mon 3-6 p.m., Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call the Legion at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce
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Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Coboconk

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The Survey, The Data & The Results:

You may have seen the Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS) that was shared online in December, and the various pieces of information we gained from it shared here over the past six months. In this final installment, we wanted you to see all the key data in one easy-to-read infographic. To view all information related to the RSS, including the final report, the various articles, and the County's 5-year Destination Management Plan, we encourage you to visit: <https://wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca/resident-sentiment-survey-rss>. The 2nd annual RSS will run from Sept. 11 to Nov. 12, 2023 – we strongly encourage you to take part and have your say in how we build tourism here in the Haliburton Highlands!

County of Haliburton Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS)

Haliburton Highlands' 5-Year Destination Management Plan proposed a community-based tourism development approach. This means a key action moving forward is hearing from residents about the visitor economy (i.e. tourism). To gather your opinions, we developed a tool called a Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS) to provide us with the necessary data to benchmark, track, and address evolving public opinion year-over-year.



The 2nd Annual Resident Sentiment Survey will run from September 11 – November 12, 2023.

What we heard you say about Haliburton Highlands

8.3/10 average ranking of it being a very attractive place to visit

68% agree we should invite more visitors throughout the year, especially in the winter and shoulder seasons

68% do not rely on the visitor economy for their household income

43% of 18-44 year olds rely on the visitor economy for 1-50% of their household income

Adventuring Ahead What you highlighted as areas of growth...



Youth Retention

To grow employment opportunities for youth



Tourism Alignments

Develop tourism activities that align with the needs of residents (i.e. affordability, protection and restoration of the natural environment, etc.)



Awareness Building

Build awareness of current tourism initiatives related to climate change; truth & reconciliation; diversity, equity & inclusion; etc

“Residents need to understand that they are an important part of making Haliburton a destination. People make the place what it is; People make Haliburton.”

– RSS respondent

“As a local business owner, I feel like all we hear about is how tourism somehow damages Haliburton. I can tell you that without tourism, and seasonal residents, local business like ours would not survive.”

– RSS respondent

You agreed that the visitor economy...

Social

is respectful to you and your community
increased quality of life
increases pride

Economic

supports local businesses
has a positive impact on the economy
creates quality jobs
supports responsible economic growth
attracts new businesses and investment
increases access to services and amenities
attracts new residents and skilled labour

Environmental

increases the opportunity to have an active lifestyle

The level of familiarity of the Tourism Department at the County of Haliburton was



You disagree that the visitor economy...

39% builds awareness of how residents' actions impact the local environment

48% makes your communities affordable

42% increases youth retention



41% of you were unsure whether the visitor economy actively works towards climate change adaptation efforts

RSS Winter 2022 592 Responses



Seasonal Residents



Permanent Residents



To learn more about the RSS, use the QR code to visit the Wade In Haliburton County webpage.



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Sunday Morning - 10:00am to 1:00pm
Location: Church Sanctuary
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EVENTS

July 1

Grace Lake Association AGM, Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce. 9 to 10:15 a.m. welcome and guest speaker, Paul Heaven. The meeting will begin at 10:15 a.m.

July 1, 11:30 a.m.

Canada Day celebration at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum in Wilberforce. There will be a flag raising, live music and refreshments. All are welcome.

July 4, 7 p.m.

Minden and District Horticultural Society invites you to come and listen to guest speaker Sheila Zinman for a talk on making unique baskets using materials from the garden and nature. Event taking place at the Minden Community Centre.

July 8, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Makers Market at Mountain Trout House Marina. Check out local artisans while listening to live music, tasting beer and enjoying ice cream, lattes and baked goods from our 'loyal to the latte' trailer. Rain or shine. All are welcome.

July 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dysart Library boardroom. Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library summer book sale. Sales by donation. All proceeds directly benefit the HCPL, including funding for book club sets, E-books and E-readers, children's computers and speciality collections.

July 19, 10:30 a.m.

Scrabble and coffee at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum in Wilberforce. All welcome.

July 21 to 23

Celebrate 85 years of the Eagle Lake Church and Community Centre. Live music and theatrical dance Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. BBQ, craft and pie sale, and historical display Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Church service Sunday morning, followed by reception, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All festivities taking place at the church, located at 2605 Eagle Lake Road.

Aug. 1, 7 p.m.

Minden and District Horticulture Society invites you to come and listen to our guest speaker Carolyn Langdon, from the Haliburton County Master Gardeners. Topic is beauty in biodiversity, the role of native plants in conserving and

restoring waterfronts. Event taking place at the Minden Community Centre.

Aug. 15, 6:30 p.m.

Anniversary celebration corn roast at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum in Wilberforce. Join us for corn on the cob, hot dogs, cake and ice cream. All are welcome.

Sept. 5, 7 p.m.

Minden and District Horticultural Society invites you to come and listen to our guest speaker Debbie Barnhart, of the Haliburton County Master Gardeners for a talk on soil building and mulching. Event taking place at the Minden Community Centre.

Haliburton Highlands Writers and editors Network. Meet third Thursday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. Gather and meet members, read stories, general news. For more information contact Kay Millard at 705-286-6635.

Join the Haliburton County Public Library for family story time, weekly from 10:30 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Minden library and Thursdays at the Dysart library. Appropriate for children up to the age of six. Must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Knitting for warmth open to donations. Have you been knitting or crocheting 8" squares for Knitting for Warmth during COVID? They can now be dropped off at Highland Hills United Church parking lot in Minden on Tuesdays, from 1-2 p.m. Squares are much needed to make into blankets which are distributed to, the Minden Community Food Centre, The Children's Aid Society, Point in Time, SIRCH, the YWCA women's shelter, Extendicare, Hyland Crest, A Place Called Home, Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre, Ronald McDonald House and victims of house fires. We suggest 32 sts on 4.5 mm needles for medium weight yarn. Perfect knitting is not necessary. Worsted weight yarn is welcome also. For more information, call Mary Trepanier at 286-5173

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider a by-law to stop up, close, and convey the parcel of lands more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2022042:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of 2020 Twelve Mile Lake Road within Part Lot 10, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden.
2. **File No. PLSRA2022079:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of 1059 Nawautin Lane within Part Lot 10, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden.
3. **File No. PLSRA2023003:** Part of original shore road allowance along the shore of Bat Lake, lying in front of 1092 Touchwood Trail within Part Lot 5, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden.
4. **File No. PLSRA2023011:** Part of original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of 1067 Halikash Lane within Part Lot 23, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden

You can provide input by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca no later than **July 29th, 2023**.

The Council meeting to consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey the parcels listed above will be scheduled for a later date. Should you wish to be notified when a Council meeting has been scheduled, please contact the undersigned or email adougherty@mindenhills.ca no later than **July 29th, 2023**.

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience. If deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the commenting period with respect to the following applications has concluded and the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills now proposes to consider a by-law to stop up, close, and convey the parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2022003:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of 1008 Carefree Drive within Part Lot 11, Concession 14 in the Geographic Township of Snowdon.
2. **File No. PLSRA2022025:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of 1033 Rays Lane within Part Lot 26, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden.
3. **File No. PLSRA2022033:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of 1004 Minstrel Court within Part Lot 13, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden.
4. **File No. PLSRA2022062:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of 1197 Canuck Trail within Part Lot 10, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth.

The Council meeting to consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey the parcels listed above will be scheduled for **July 27th, 2023**.

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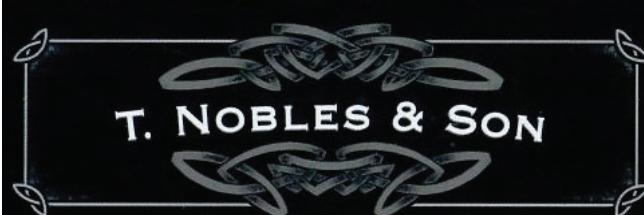
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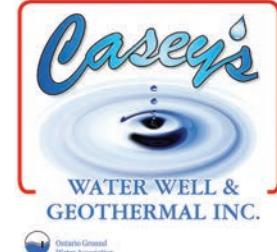
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She was a caring, compassionate and creative presence to her family, friends and community and loved spending her time in artistic endeavours; singing, dancing, sketching, painting, embroidery and creating unique stained-glass pieces. Her beautiful Mandela is still featured in the front window of the United Church in Haliburton. Nel was predeceased by her husband of 55 years, Art van der Grient, her sister Elisabeth Buss Bron (Henk Buss-deceased) and is survived by her brother Cornelis Bron who lives in Scheveningen a district in the Netherlands where she is lovingly remembered by her Dutch nieces and nephews: Elma, Stella, Roel, Marlies, Cornelis Jr. and their families.

As the loving mother of Elizabeth (Elke) (Roland) Zilla and Anne Marie (Anne) Beattie, Nel's love of life did not come to an end with her death. Nel is fondly remembered by her grandchildren Cassidy, Caleb, Nicole and Aaron as a vivacious, frank, unwavering, sassy Oma; a creative legacy they seek to fulfill.

Friends are invited to join the family for a memorial reception at The Abbey Retreat Center, 1150 Garden Gate Dr., West Guilford, Ontario on Saturday, July 15, 2023 beginning at 2:00 pm with tributes commencing shortly after.

Memorial donations to the Abbey Retreat Centre (ARC) can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O Box 427, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0.



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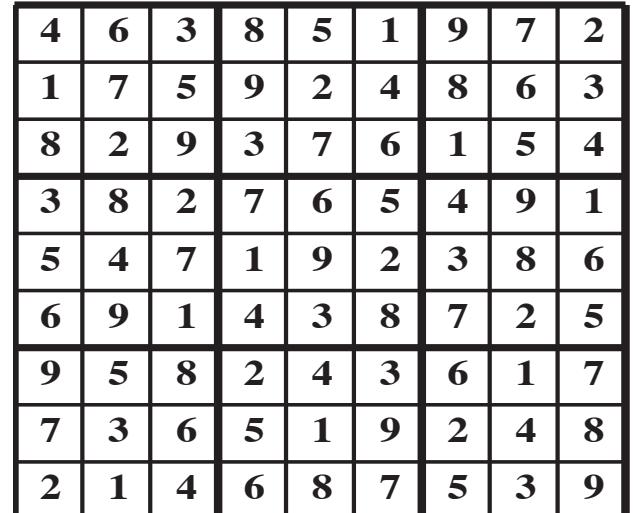
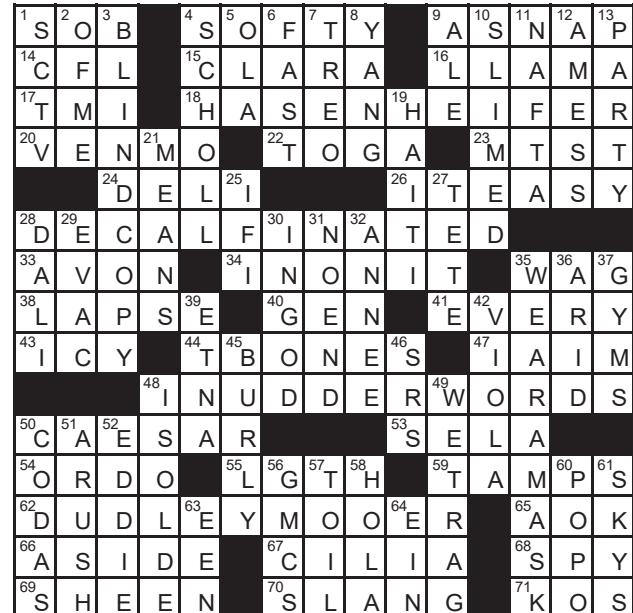
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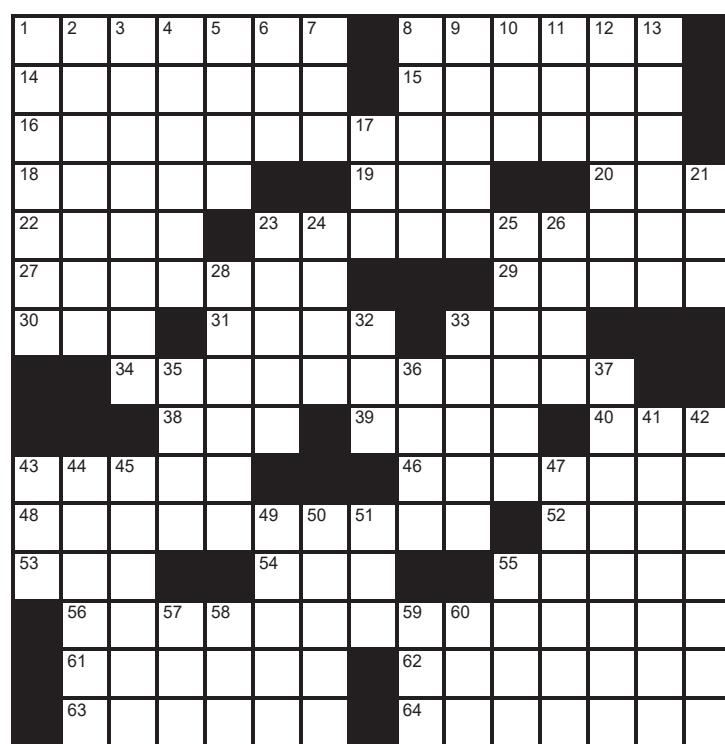
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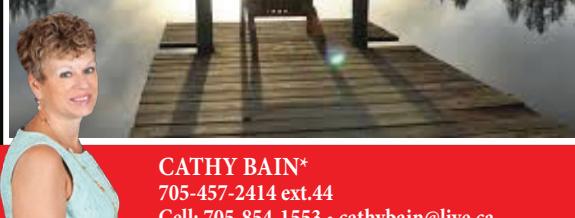
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MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER IN THE HIGHLANDS



Ushering in summer at Abbey Gardens

By Jaxon Gill

Abbey Gardens hosted its first Summer Solstice Festival June 24 with fun events geared towards celebrating the environment.

There were guided hikes through the enchanted forest, providing an opportunity to discover the area's natural beauty. Families participated in interactive workshops, engaging in hands-on activities, such as gardening demonstrations and craft sessions.

Children were able to enjoy live music and a show entitled Branché, performed by Acting for Climate, of Montreal, whose goal is to create a network of artists and activists to nurture collaboration, equity, and admiration of nature for a sustainable future. It was an all-ages, circus-style, show that included acrobatics and dancing in an open field, where the performers connected with nature.

Into the Blue wood-fired pizza and Haliburton Highlands Brewing provided food and beverages. There was also a market garden featuring fresh produce from the first harvest of the year. Vendors sold things such as hand-made bird houses, T-shirts and hoodies.

The acrobatic Branché troupe.
Photo by Jaxon Gill.

CORNER GALLERY



Beautiful Voice, Ragged Falls, by Wendy Wood



Sunny September Day on Koshluk Lake, by Susan Hay



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Keeping an age-old tradition alive

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

The Backwoodsmen performed at Minden Hills Cultural Centre to promote, and preserve, the traditional folk songs of rural Ontario June 24.

Rob Niezen and Dr. Allan Kirby got together about four years ago to talk about the idea, and it grew to be a multi-sensory project involving a series of linocut illustrations created by Niezen, a CD, an accompanying songbook, and a touring band of storytellers that include John Bird and Rob Cory as well as Niezen and Kirby.

Folk song musicians have taken oral stories passed through generations and made them relevant to their times. The Backwoodsmen have carried on the tradition and put their modern spin on songs included in the collection. "This is not contrary to folk song tradition. Melodies and lyrics have been altered since folk

songs were first sung," said Kirby.

The illustrations on display, and in the songbook, also reflect a modern concept, crosscutting. This is a technique used in films to show action that is happening in several places at once, or in one place at different times. Looking more closely at some of the linocuts, a person will also notice some more modern technologies such as an airplane in the illustration for *Scarborough Settler's Lament*. Niezen explained the song is about Scottish settlers in the 1840s. However, now "there are so many people coming from so many different places and the airplane represents that idea."

The art exhibit of linocut prints, done by Niezen, is on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden until July 1.

Front: Rob Niezen, back row, Al Kirby, John Bird and Rob Cory. Photo by Kimberly Strong-Knight.



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Landscapes from a woman's perspective



Left: Ashley Toner in front of her artwork. Middle: Susan Hay with one of her pieces. Right: Wendy Wood at the exhibition opening. *Photos by Jaxon Gill.*

By Jaxon Gill

Corner Gallery hosted the opening of its second offering of summer June 24. *Landscapes from a Woman's Perspective* features Susan Hay, Wendy Wood, and Ashley Toner.

Hay is an acrylic landscape painter who has lived in Haliburton County for the last 10 years. Most of her recent work

has been inspired by photos of natural shorelines she has taken from the bow of her canoe. Hay is a regular exhibitor in the Highlands art community and has taken part in the Tour de Forest Summer Artist Studio Tour for the last few years.

Wood specializes in painting and weaving with lots of vibrant colours. She has been painting and weaving for more

than 20 years. "I didn't know that the pencil crayon sets and paint by numbers would lead to a life of painting," joked Wood.

Like Hay, Woods' landscapes are also inspired by the many places she has visited across Canada. Wood also shows in the Haliburton Highlands studio tours each year and looks forward to greeting visitors.

Toner, an artist from Georgian Bay, is also inspired by nature. She uses colours and textures through palette knives to create her artwork.

The exhibition is on display until July 13. The next show, 2 Part Harmony, will take place July 14 through Aug. 10, showcasing Blady and Van Mil's artwork.

Township of Minden Hills Canada Day 2023!



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7:30 am: Kid's Fishing Derby registration open on Water St.
8:00 am: Minnow Races sponsored by Minden Legion
8:00 am: Kid's Fishing Derby begins on Water St.
10:00 am-2:00 pm: Vendor and Exhibitors open
10:15 am: Opening Ceremonies. Royal Canadian Legion Colour Party Parade, Mayor's opening remarks at Main stage
11:00 am: Kid's Fishing Derby final weigh-in on Water St.
11:00 am: St. Paul's Anglican Church Fashion Show
1:00-2:00 pm: **NEW!** Rob Power Master Magician strolling performance
1:30 pm: Rubber Ducky Race begins. Hosted by the Minden Lions Club at the Town Dock on Water St.

CULTURAL CENTRE
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10:00 am- 2:00 pm: Air Bounce Inflatables and games
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The price was right for water ambassadors

By Jaxon Gill

PineStone Resort hosted the 11th annual Water Ambassadors Canada charity golf classic June 22. Each year, supporters come for a round of golf to raise money for urgently-needed clean water solutions for communities around the world.

This year's theme was The Price is Right, with a little twist. All games were related to the cost of providing clean water. At the first hole, for example, golfers had to guess how much it costs to fill a jerry can with water in other countries. They then saw who could hit the ball closest to the jerry can 53-ft from the tee box. The golfer closest to the can won a TV.

In Canada, working for minimum wage, it would take a person 1.8 hours of work to afford a jerry can. In other countries, it can be as much as half of their weekly pay check. They then have to walk to fill it up and walk all the way back.

Ursula Devolin, the teams and events coordinator, said, "so, you think 'oh, it's only \$30'. Okay, that's not so much to ask, right? but to people in other countries, it's a massive cost and they don't want to lose their entire salary."

Barry Hart founded Water Ambassadors with wife, Heather, after learning that a lack of clean water is the world's largest cause of death and disease. Barry Hart,



Nathan van Kralingen, Cole Finlay, John van Kralingen, and Kelly Short on the first hole. *Photo by Jaxon Gill.*

who was running the game on the first hole, said, "it's the 11th year we've done this. We get great support from the local community every year this event takes place."

This year's tournament featured 112 golfers split into 28 teams. They raised around \$40,000. There were many

opportunities for golfers to win prizes through games across the course.

The Till Death BBQ food truck was available to stop in and grab some lunch.

Water Ambassadors Canada has many ways for community members to get involved and support the cause. Each year, there are charity golf tournaments, the

option to walk, run or ride for water by setting up a personal fundraising page, or joining the Prayer Team. More information about getting involved can be found on their website waterambassadorscanada.org/get-involved.



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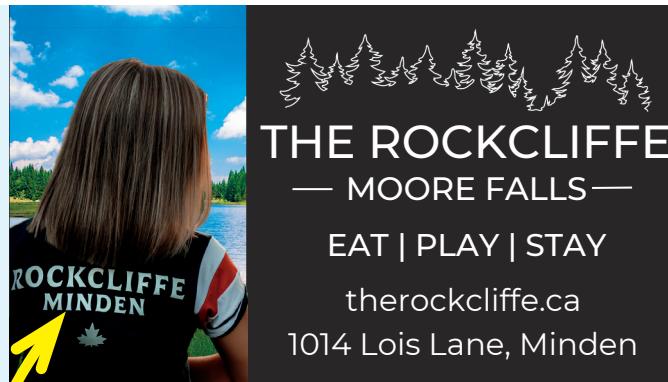


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Friday June 30

Dominion Hotel, Trina West 3-6 p.m.

Boshkung Social, Family Feud Night 7 p.m.
Rockcliffe, Live music with JJ Blue & Joe Garrisi 7:30 p.m.
Haliburton Highlands Brewing, Garden Hoedown Country Dance 8 p.m. \$20

Saturday July 1

Rockcliffe, One Year Anniversary + Canada Day Party, Live music, lawn games, contests, beer buckets and more

Boshkung Smokehouse, Mike Rae 5-8 p.m.
Dominion Hotel, Eric Casper 3-6 p.m.

Sunday July 2

Rockcliffe, Patio Party with DJ Chris Evans
Haliburton Highlands Brewing Patio, Alanna Jean 12 p.m.

Haliburton Highlands Brewing Patio, Zachary Lucky 2 p.m.

Dominion Hotel, The Salt Cellars 3-6 p.m.

Tuesday July 4

Music in the Park, Nick & Benton 6:30 p.m.
Boshkung Social, CanoeFM Radio Bingo 6 p.m.
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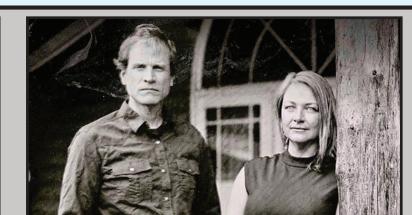




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'Being able to express myself creatively'

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

A fairly new resident to the area, Nick Sutcliffe, is celebrating the publication of his second book, *Supernaturalis Mortem*. After sending out feelers, he had a nibble from a publishing firm in New York that was interested in his book. "It followed the typical story, 20 people are going to reject you until that one accepts your work," said Sutcliffe. "I was really excited, I mean, New York."

He published his first book, *The Kanta Chronicles*, on his own, with help from a self-publishing firm in British Columbia. "I did a Google search on self-publishing firms and found one that offered to help. They helped me edit it, provided feedback, and assisted in publishing it on my behalf."

The idea for his newest book came from a final project in a film class he was taking at the University of Windsor. The class was how film has portrayed ancient Roman culture and students were asked to pitch an idea for a film that hadn't been done before. "I was also taking a course on magic in the ancient world, Egypt, Greece, Rome, right up to the Renaissance and Enlightenment eras," he explained. "So, I combined the idea of ancient magics and the film class project and created what I envision as an '80's slasher movie."

The setting is a small village in the year A.D. 390. Magic is feared in the new Christian order of Rome. Three witches want to revive their faith and cast a curse on local leaders of the Empire's new religion, subjecting them to demonic hauntings, possessions, and other evils. However, while on this path of vengeance, one of the witches, Medea, starts to question their actions, and, in turn, finds she walks a thin line between family loyalty, their enemies, and her own moral

convictions.

"Basically, I took the outline I had written for the pitch and converted it into long-form prose instead of the shorts scenes for a movie." He said he didn't really have an idea of the demographics but figures it would be an 18+ book because there is some sexual content and grotesque violence.

"I know I am not writing for children, so I am not super concerned about keeping it light and breezy," said Sutcliffe, "I don't exclude myself from the inclusion of sex scenes, or stuff that is slightly more violent or horrific. I am very much a fantasy-oriented writer, so I feel that gives me a sort of carte blanche to be able to write whatever it is that I want to write."

He is also not concerned with realism, so to speak. It is more character-based realism that he strives for in his writing. He went on to explain that he doesn't write stuff that is on earth, per se, so he can't get "called out for the unrealistic-ness of my stories."

Growing up in a small town north of the big city, Sutcliffe spent a lot of time reading and watching TV and YouTube. He says he puts a lot of himself into his books, not necessarily the characters, but the situations they find themselves in. He always makes an outline for whatever story he is writing; where it starts, the journey it goes through, and an end. "My inspiration, and writing, is one part fan fiction, one part personal therapy, and two parts creativity, being able to express myself creatively."

Supernaturalis Mortem, as well as his first book, can be found on Amazon.

Nick Sutcliffe holds *Supernaturalis Mortem*. Submitted.



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Celebrating Canada Day in the Highlands



By Jaxon Gill

Minden Hills is getting ready for its annual Canada Day celebration, set to take place July 1. The township has released a full schedule of events all over town.

It kicks off in downtown Minden with the fishing derby registration at 7:30 a.m. All ages are encouraged to participate in the competition. Alongside the derby, the Minden Legion will be hosting the lively minnow races, adding an extra touch of excitement to the event.

At 10:15 a.m., the opening ceremonies will mark the start of the celebrations. Following that, St. Paul's Church will have a fashion show at 11 a.m. Last call for the fishing derby weigh-in will be 11 a.m. Throughout the day, the community will be able to enjoy the magical performances of Rob Power, Master Magician, who will be going around downtown from 1-2 p.m. Meanwhile, the Lions Club rubber ducky race will start at 1:30 p.m.

The Haliburton County Farmers Market and the Minden Hills Artisan Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the municipal parking lot. Visitors can explore local vendors and exhibitors, including CanoeFM, The Minden Agricultural Society, and Minden Pride.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre will offer lots of activities, including guided tours of the museum and heritage village and the Agnes Jamieson Gallery from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors can also enjoy the Air Bounce inflatable and games.

Kawartha Dairy will also be supplying free ice cream from noon to 1 p.m.

As the day comes to a close, everyone is invited to gather at the Fairgrounds for the fireworks display by Supernova. If the fire ban is still in effect, the fireworks will be cancelled and an alternative date will be scheduled for the display to take place.

Shannon Prentice, deputy clerk-administrative assistant said for all to be prepared for a busy Canada Day in Minden. Also make sure you don't forget to bring a refillable water bottle, as the township is providing a water buggy on-site.

Gooderham's 150th anniversary

Meanwhile, Gooderham will celebrate its 150th birthday on Canada Day.

Activities include sale of a special commemorative 18-month calendar, free cake and an historical photo display.

Highlands East mayor Dave Burton will cut the cake at 4 p.m. at the Robert McCausland Community Centre at County Roads 503 and 507. Children's activities including a clown, games, face painting and cookie-decorating to start festivities at 3 p.m. BBQ food will be for sale and there will be other vendors.

"We're really excited about the commemorative calendar because it features photos of the Gooderham area submitted by local people," said Valerie Dugale, chair of the Gooderham Community Action Group that organized



Top: The County is shooting into Canada Day festivities. Above: Gooderham will celebrate its 150th. File.

the calendar and events for July 1. "The town's slogan is 'Catch the Gooderham Spirit' and the calendar really reflects that feeling."

A number of the photographers will be on hand for the launch of the calendar. It will be sold for \$20 or two for \$15 (cash only) to help raise funds for the work of the Action Group, which includes a yearly student bursary, Christmas cheer packages

for families in need, events such as the upcoming Gooderham Music Festival July 29 and support for local firefighters, food banks and heat banks.

The municipality has planned a concert by the Recycled Teenagers and fireworks in the evening only if the fire ban has been lifted.



Left: L to R front: Mary Aderson, Sharon Sachs, Charlene Cooper, Gay Marie Paige, Sandra Duchmin. Back: Brian Sachs, Andy Cooper, Dave Williamson, John Anderson, Elli Armstrong. Right: Sachs, Anderson and Paige listen intently to the guide at 'Donington Le Heath'. *Submitted*.

Friends a force to be reckoned with

Ten members of the Haliburton chapter of Friendship Force International recently returned from an information packed tour of Leicester, England. "The beautiful scenery, architecture, and history of this amazing destination left smiles on all our faces," they

said. Friendship Force (FFI) is a non-profit cultural organization focused on promoting goodwill, understanding, cultural education and education through home-stay journeys. There are more than 350 clubs in more than 60 countries with more than 15,000 members. To find out more, contact Elli Armstrong at 705-754-9168 or Bob Cole at 705-754-1825 or visit FriendshipForce.org. (Lisa Gervais).

Celebrate Canada Day July 1st

CARDIFF 9:00 am -11:00 am, Cardiff Legion 2733

Monck Road. The Royal Canadian Legion will host breakfast at the Legion. Adults \$5, under 7 yrs. \$3

HIGHLAND GROVE Noon - 3:00 pm, Kidd School House

Museum, 5373 Loop Road Children's crafts, local entertainment, horseshoes and BBQ. Museum will be open.

WILBERFORCE 11:30 am, Red Cross Outpost Museum

2314 Loop Road Raising the flag ceremony live music followed by sandwiches & cake. Games at the curling club.

TORY HILL 1 pm -4 pm, Hwy 118 & Cnty Rd 503

Live music featuring Phil O'Reilly in the park and stories of local history. Bring your lawn chair.

GOODERHAM 3:00 pm - 10:30 pm, Community Centre

1043 Community Centre Rd. Children's activities, face painting, clown, cake, BBQ, and Irondale display. Live entertainment starts at 7 pm. Fireworks start at about 10 pm.

In case of fire ban, fireworks will be held Sat. August 5



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